







### CALGARY.

The above named town which, at the present time is creating so much interest throughout the whole North West, Ontario and England is situated upon a beautiful stretch of bottom land about six miles in length and from one to three miles wide, enclosed on the north side by the Bow River in a semi-circular form, and on the south by a range of hills from 100 to 300 feet in height.

It is divided into two parts by the Bow River, which at its confluence with the Bow forms a number of beautiful islands well wooded, and admirably suitable for a park.

Both rivers are pure, clear, and cold with pebbly beds and beaches, dotted with innumerable trees, and capable of supplying a water power sufficient for a number of mills and factories, while on the south side of the Bow another range of hills rises to about 800 feet from the bed of the river; and away to the west and southwest rise the Rockies in majestic grandeur, covered with everlasting snow, plainly visible to the naked eye, though they were only a few miles distant.

The future of Calgary seems very bright indeed, viewed from several standpoints, any one of which is sufficient to confer on the happy possessors a position unexcelled in the North-West Territory.

#### THE COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK.

Calgary has long been acknowledged as the greatest centre point of the extensive fertile strip along the Rockies, extending from the Blackfoot reserves on the east, to the Mountain on the west, a distance of 200 miles, and an extent from north to south of scarcely less distance, but it will now assume a place of much more importance and become the greatest distributing point west of Winnipeg. As the base of operations for the C.P.R. for the next two or three years from which the supplies will be forwarded — as the point from which all merchandise for Edmonton on the North, 900 miles distant, with all intervening points, (and the Peace River, Athabasca, Slave Lake districts.) McLeod 100 miles the south will be supplied, the immense supplies required for the miners' camps already filling the mountains together with the Indian supplies, and the goods required to meet the wants of the numerous settlers flocking to our district, will make it as we said before the greatest commercial centre west of Winnipeg.

#### THE MINING PROSPECTS.

Already the mines of the Rockies near the G. P. crossing are interesting the greatest and most experienced prospectors and capitalists of Canada and the United States, while several mining experts and engineers representing English Companies are at the present engaged in the mountains. The formation, we understand is identical with that of the richest mines of Montana and every day rich leads are being discovered. Gold, silver and copper abounds, and the time is not far distant, when the eyes of the whole mining world will be directed to the mines of the Northwest.

#### THE LUMBERING INDUSTRY.

Residents of Ontario, whose towns have been built by the lumber trade, will be pleased to hear that in the Mountains close to the railroad, large areas of fine timber exist. The timbermen's lumber camps can be brought in by rail. The logs when cut will be floated down the Bow River, the streams being so swift that a raft of logs descends from Morleyville to Calgary, a distance of 50 miles, in less than 10 hours. Major Walker has two very valuable timber limits, and has a large force of men operating in the woods and floating his logs here, when he has a large mill in operation. There are also large operations from Minneapolis, owning nine limits of 50 square miles each, at present in the mountains inspecting their claims, and who are prepared to begin work at once if the limits accord with their expectations, therefore we expect to be able to long to announce to our readers, the commencement of some large mills on the Bow River.

#### THE FARMING INTEREST.

There has been a good deal of speculation indulged in of late, as to whether this country produces all the necessary elements for successful farming country. Tourists have been particularly inquiring from us "what will the country produce?" Do not sunflowers grow? "Yes, sunflowers grow!" and all such questions, marking at the same time that it can be fully demonstrated that the surrounding country is fit for agricultural purposes the success of Calgary is beyond doubt only a question of a few short years; therefore in order that we might give our readers a true and reliable account of the farming prospects we have endeavored to secure from Mr. S. Livingston, who has been 18 years in this country and is now devoting his energies to farming. We found a large farm of 640 acres, situated on the Elbow River about 3 miles from Calgary, enclosed by a fence, 5 feet high, well built, and capped with stones; with about 80 acres under cultivation, the crop consisting principally of Old English Barley in equal quantities, averaging about 4 1/2 in. in height; and although Mr. Livingston assured us it had been poorly put in, from the want of proper implements, still in our judgment an average yield of 50 bushels per acre will be realized, while his winter crops, of which he has about 25 acres look equally well. Mr. L. has purchased a self binder and is now busily engaged in harvesting. Samples of his grain will be on exhibition at our office.

On enquiring his previous success in farming he assured us that from 11 acres of oats, he had sold 950 bushels, an average of 80 bushels per acre, weighing 45 lbs to the bushel. With these facts before us we do not hesitate to assert that this vicinity with its unlimited supply of purest water in the world, its abundance of wood and coal, the geniality and salubrity of the climate render it one of the most desirable localities in the whole North-West Territory.

After inspecting the buildings, we repaired to the garden and was surprised and delighted with a view of the best vegetable garden it has ever been our privilege to inspect, of about 14 acres in extent, and containing potatoes, cabbage, cauliflower, turnips, carrots, beets, parsnips, and corn, all in the highest state of cultivation. On asking him, if the the summer frost affected anything in his garden, the reply was "look and see if you can find any trace of it," we looked but could not, and, although this is the second week of August, Mr. Glen had less than a month for nearly a month. We brought home some samples, and after trying them we can testify to their excellent quality.

Mr. Glen has also about 32 acres of Oats, 2 acres of Wheat and 5 acres of Barley, all of which notwithstanding the dry season, will compare favorably with the average crop of the best parts of Ontario.

We next visited the farm of Mr. James Vorster also on Fish Creek, and found about 40 acres under cultivation, consisting of Oats 27 acres, barley 10 acres and wheat 3 1/2 acres. On inquiring why coarse grains were raised instead of wheat, we were informed that heretofore they had no market for wheat nor could they get it in the vicinity, but that when they raised coarse grains and potatoes which sold readily at \$4 to \$6 per cent per lb., and bought their flour at from \$15 to \$25 per sack of 96 lbs. We also inquired the yield per acre, of the different grains, and found that it was no uncommon thing, for 70 to 75 bushels per acre, on land that had been broken the previous year, while on spring breaking 40 to 50 was the usual yield. As to potatoes, Mr. Vorster informed us that last year he had one acre under crop, that he used from it for his own table from the time the new potatoes came in till the fall, and after keeping enough for his winter supply he sold 11,000 lbs at 4 cts per lb., thus realizing \$440 from his 1 acre, after keeping his winter supply. This is a record we think hard to beat, in any way, but if any one can better it we would certainly like to hear from him. The wheat we can think would yield 20 to 25 bushels per acre. Messrs. Glen and Vorster, informed us that other settlers on Pine Creek and vicinity, Robb, Ross, Jacques Bros. and others, had crop equal, if not superior to their own and wished us very

much to visit them; but our time

being limited we were obliged to postpone the pleasure till a future occasion.

On our return we left the trail to see the surrounding country, and truly we find it impossible to give even an adequate description of the rolling country over which we passed, thousands of acres just awaiting the hand of the settler to become the garden of the North-West. Before reaching Calgary we came upon the farm of Mr. S. Livingston, who has been 18 years in this country and is now devoting his energies to farming. We found a large farm of 640 acres, situated on the Elbow River about 3 miles from Calgary, enclosed by a fence, 5 feet high, well built, and capped with stones; with about 80 acres under cultivation, the crop consisting principally of Old English Barley in equal quantities, averaging about 4 1/2 in. in height; and although Mr. Livingston assured us it had been poorly put in, from the want of proper implements, still in our judgment an average yield of 50 bushels per acre will be realized, while his winter crops, of which he has about 25 acres look equally well. Mr. L. has purchased a self binder and is now busily engaged in harvesting. Samples of his grain will be on exhibition at our office.

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Space forbids us entering on the ranching interests this issue, but we purpose visiting the principal ranches in a short time, when we will be able to give a full account of the same.

Count on it.

#### MANITOBA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Manitoba Historical Society of Winnipeg, sent a delegation to visit the Rocky Mountains, and report on the various items of interest seen on the route. The party consisted of the Rev. D. M. Gordon, Rev. Prof. Bryce, Messrs T. C. L. Armstrong, R. E. W. Goodridge, W. H. Hogan, T. F. Stewart, and J. H. Pantin, arrived here the other evening and started their way to Brandon. The party succeeded in scaling one of the highest peaks of the Rockies, and visited the beautiful falls of the Bear River Palmer. They attended Divine service with the Indians at Morleyville Mission, and were highly pleased with the comparative progress made by the Indians in civilization.

Quite a quantity of mineral geological and botanical specimens were collected including specimens of coal from the mines on the Bow. The members going south to Fort Macleod, while the remainder proceed to Winnipeg.

#### HOTEL CARDS.

### CALGARY HOUSE, MESSRS. DUNNS & WRIGHT.

This Hotel is replete with all the latest improvements. Especially remodeled Bedrooms and Bathrooms. Special attention paid to Ladies and Families.

It is the intention of the proprietors to carry on a hotel of a first-class hotel.

The Hotel house and expense will be opened to the public.

Temporarily Out of great variety.

#### BUSINESS CARDS.

### FREEZE & VANWART, TRADESMEN IN Groceries, Dry Goods, Hardware, Etc. CALGARY, N.W.T.

### Blacksmith and Carpenter Shop. CALGARY.

#### All kinds of repairing & generally attended to.

### JOHN B. RIVET, Proprietor. Bread, Cakes, Sweets & Pastry Bakery.

#### CALGARY.

#### All orders promptly attended to.

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### \$10 Reward.

Lost Friday evening, in the rear of the Calvary Church, on the corner of 10th Street and 10th Avenue, a small pocket watch, gold case, with black dial, and hands, and a chain, and a white face, with black hands, and a chain.

Apply to V. B. STANLEY.

14, CALGARY, N.W.T.

A reward of fifty dollars is offered for the recovery of the following articles:

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